

## PROPOSAL EVALUATION

### *IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011*

<b>Applicant</b>	Sacramento River Watershed Program	<b>County</b>	Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, Tehama Plumas, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Lake, Napa, Yolo,
<b>Project Title</b>	Interregional Mercury Plan for the Sacramento River Watershed		Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, Sierra, Placer, El Dorado, Sacramento, Solano
		<b>Grant Request</b>	\$492,403
		<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$666,118

**Project Description** The objective of the proposal is to develop an Interregional Mercury Plan for the Sacramento River Watershed. The Plan will update existing research on mercury in the Sacramento River Watershed and will address mercury issues and the source areas of contamination. This plan will measure the benefits to the Bay Delta.

#### **Evaluation Summary**

<b>Scoring Criterion</b>	<b>Score</b>
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	8
Schedule	10
Budget	6
Program Preferences	0
Geographic Balance	0
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>33</b>

- **Work Plan** The proposal seeks to implement a project that produces tools and data that could be used in multiple IRWM plans, but it does not necessarily produce IRWM plan as product. It is not clear how this interregional project advances associated IRWM plans. The proposal states that the Mercury Strategic Plan meets IRWM Plan standards, and is consistent with existing Resource Management Strategies, Goals, Objectives, and Strategies in the participating IRWM Plans, but does not indicate how.
- **DAC Involvement** Meetings will be held in Davis, CA and communication will be provided in an electronic form (i.e., use of a listserv). DACs may not have the funding or capability to travel, and may not have internet access. A DAC public process is briefly described, including monthly newsletters, a website and annual conference. However, this process appears to be to the benefit of the Delta Mercury Tributaries Council, not the IRWM Plan regional groups, tribes or DACs. Task 2 appears to focus on assisting the gold mining problems in DAC areas in the Sierra Nevada, but not in the Coast Range, northern Sacramento River area or valley floor. It appears the applicant is counting on the RWMGs to interface with DACs, but it is unclear how the DACs involvement will influence the workgroup direction or priorities.
- **Schedule** The schedule corresponds to the work items described in the work plan and budget. It identifies all of the tasks, states the associated deliverables, and the start and stop dates for completing the work.
- **Budget** While the budget correlates with the work plan and schedule, it is unclear why the proportion of funding for the decision making tools, the web based GIS tools, and the BMP Toolkit, outweighs the proportion for the interregional mercury plan. It is difficult to determine if the amount indicated in the Task 6 budget to “Ensure environmental compliance including addressing any CEQA obligations” is reasonable and adequate because the documentation was incomplete.
- **Program Preference** Although some of the preferences were mentioned briefly, the proposal did not identify and address any preferences in a clear manner.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable